

Schmit has outlined, in more detail than I have, the various funds that are set up here. Another thing that I thought was important was to protect those people who are heirs of property owners that could get caught in a bind as a result of a transfer of property and under the original language would not have been able to go in and recover should they experience a decline in the value of their property. I think that helps. Obviously, there are things in this that I would like to see here that are not. But I think this bill is worth passing, even with some of the areas that I don't...I'm not in 100 percent agreement with. I would encourage some of you who have only recently started asking questions about this process to continue to do so. I'm not going to stand up here and tell you that I know all of this stuff. I don't know that anybody does. It is a very difficult and very complex subject. And I have said before that probably for you to always be safe you probably need a bunch of scientists on one hand advising you, you probably need a battery of lawyers behind you, and you probably need some financial experts on the other side. I think some of these financing questions will come back perhaps and require some further clarification. I don't think this is probably the last time that we'll have to deal with this subject on the floor of the Legislature. It is an important step. I think we have an opportunity in Nebraska to do some things right. I would urge you to accept these amendments but not shelve them and assume that our work is done, it is not. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Additional discussion on the committee amendments? If not, those in favor of the adoption of the Schmit amendment to the committee amendments...excuse me, Senator Schmit, would you like to close. I'm sorry.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Only to say this, Mr. Speaker, and that is that if this were a perfect set of amendments, it would be the first time we had them on the floor this session. They are not perfect. I don't purport them to be perfect. I think Senator Schellpeper and Senator Scofield pointed out some of their concerns. But that is the reason we have tried to work out some kind of an agreement because, otherwise, as Senator Scofield indicated, we might not get anything, and that is not what we wanted. We all wanted something that would be on the record. Nothing is ever a final document on the legislative floor. There is going to need to be additional work. I certainly agree again with Senator Scofield. The Legislature as a unit and as individual legislators and the people of the State of Nebraska